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CONSTRUCTION OF PYONGYANG
MACHINE PLANT AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

MACHINES IMPORTED FROM USSR -- T'u-sa Shin Moon, 19 May 1949

Construction work on the state-operated Central Machine Manufacturing Plant in Pyongyang is progressing rapidly. The construction of a new foundry, which will occupy an area of 3,000 square meters, is not 40 per cent completed. The work was begun last December, and will be completed by October this year, 2 months ahead of schedule.

Construction of apartments to accommodate 200 workers will also be completed by October. In addition, 180 units of company houses are expected to be built by the end of June this year.

The reconstruction of the automobile repair shop, which occupies an area of 14,494 square meters, will be completed by the end of July, 3 months ahead of schedule. This shop was formerly owned by the Japanese, who partially destroyed it at the time of the liberation. It was left in that condition until the present reconstruction work began.

With the help of basic machinery and equipment shipped from the USSR, and the constantly improving technical skill of the workers, the output of the Central Machine Manufacturing Plant is expected to be great. Already 12 units of machines, including automatic lathes, imported from the USSR have been installed. Eight engineers are now studying these machines to find the most effective use for them.

AUTO REPAIR SHOP ALREADY OPERATING -- T'u-sa Shin Moon, 22 May 49

The automobile repair shop of the Central Machine Manufacturing Plant is already in operation although reconstruction of the shop is not completed. So far six trucks have been repaired. The original quota for the first quarter year was two trucks, but the shop actually repaired four additional trucks by the end of the quarter. These trucks are now in delivery service in Hwanghae-do and P'yongan Pukto.

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The supply of necessary repair parts is adequate, thanks to the ingenious workers who constantly strive to create new devices to make parts. The workers are determined to complete the repair of a minimum of three automobiles during the second quarter. Already, 140.2 percent of the monthly quota was attained in April.

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